

DRAFT: RECOMMENDATIONS TO DVHA  
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Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

- Ensure DVHA pursues state licensing of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) with the Office of Professional Regulation to expand pool of Medicaid approved ABA providers, including private providers
- Expedite development of State Plan amendment for Medicaid-covered ABA to insure provision of services to beneficiaries by December 31, 2014
- Ensure that DVHA recruits to expand pool of private ABA providers and approves Medicaid provider status to private ABA providers by December 31, 2014
- Ensure that DVHA develops clinical guidelines for the delivery of ABA services that:
  - Are evidence-based and consistent with best practices as promulgated by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board or equivalent professional group
  - Establish a ratio of clinical management and case supervision by a BCBA to direct treatment hours that is consistent with best practices as promulgated by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board or equivalent professional group
  - Include a pre-service training component for line providers, e.g., on-line training curriculum developed by the May Center or the Center for Autism & Related Disorders (CARD)
  - Include training and on-going supports for parents
  - Establish a scope of service that is tied to medical necessity and meets the individual needs of the child
  - Ensures that the provision of ABA is consistent with Mental Health Parity
  - Ensures that the provision of ABA by Medicaid approved providers is consistent in scope and quality to ABA covered by private carriers
- Draft guidelines will be brought to MEAB for review by December 31, 2014

Developmental Services:

- Pursuant to recent Human Service Board decision, ensure that AHS promulgates rules to ensure that children with developmental disabilities receive the full array of EPSDT services to which they are entitled
- Ensure adequate resources for the delivery of the full range of EPSDT services, including: intensive care coordination; comprehensive, home-based assessment; family training and support services; mobile crisis intervention; crisis stabilization; in-home behavioral services; in-home therapy services; and therapeutic mentoring
- Ensure that EPSDT services are not improperly limited by the Designated Agencies' capitated budgets
- Develop a streamlined and easily understandable application and screening process